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Dr. Shiben Banerji

**“Voices of Democracy and Counter Publics:
Learning to Disagree without Becoming Violently Disagreeable.”**

Friday, February 4, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (MST)

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Abstract

Shiben Banerji's presentation, "Voices of Democracy and Counter Publics: Learning to Disagree without Becoming Violently Disagreeable," draws on interviews with Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Stokely Carmichael to interrogate the conceptual and historical significance of truth as an ethical value. Nonviolence is often narrowly and incorrectly seen as a tactic. This view differs from the notion of nonviolence as a philosophy or way of life. The latter definition here illuminates rhetorical analysis of political speech ubiquitously and misleadingly characterized as "post-truth." Historicizing the distinction between the two values of truth, this work-in-progress essay advances a definition of rhetoric as the actuality of being, in contrast with its familiar Aristotelian cast as the potentiality of persuasion.

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